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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN MEDIA ON PUNGAN MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER

1. THERE FOLLOWS FULL TEXT OF FEB 25 SCINTEIA ARTICLE ON MEETING
OF ROMANIAN PRESIDENTIAL COUNSELOR VASILE PUNGAN WITH PRESIDENT
CARTER:

SCINTEIA, FRIDAY, FEB 25, 1977, P.6 WASHINGTON

THE UNITED STATES' PRESIDENT HAS RECEIVED THE HEAD OF THE GROUP
OF COUNSELORS OF THE PRESIDENT OF ROMANIA WASHINGTON (AGERPRES)--
ON FEBRUARY 23, THE PRESIDENT OF THE U S A, JIMMY CARTER,
RECEIVED, AT THE WHITE HOUSE, VASILE PUNGAN, HEAD OF THE GROUP
OF PRESIDENTIAL COUNSELORS. ON THIS OCCASION, A MESSAGE WAS
HANDLED TO THE U S PRESIDENT FROM PRESIDENT NICOLAE CEAUSESCU,
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ACCOMPANIED BY BEST WISHES FOR HIS PERSONAL HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.
DURING THE TALKS, VASILE PUNGAN PRESENTED, ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT
NICOLAE CEAUSESCU, ROMANIA'S POSITION REGARDING THE FURTHER
DEVELOPMENT OF ROMANIAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS AS WELL AS MAJOR
INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS OF JOINT INTEREST. PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER
THANKED HIM FOR THE MESSAGE AND REQUESTED THE ROMANIAN REPRE-
SENATITVE TO CONVEY HIS WARM MESSAGE OF GREETING TO PRESIDENT

NICOLAE CEAUSESCU AS WELL AS HIS BEST WISHES FOR HEALTH AND SUCCESS. AT THE SAME TIME, THE PRESIDENT EXPRESSED HIS WISH THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN ROMANIA AND THE UNITED STATES SHOULD CONTINUE TO DEVELOP MULTILATERALLY IN THEIR MUTUAL INTEREST, AND STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF COLLABORATION ON THE MAIN PROBLEMS IN THE INTEREST OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE WORLD. THE IMPORTANCE AND MUTUAL WISH FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE BETWEEN ROMANIA AND THE UNITED STATES WAS ALSO NOTED. THE MEETING WAS ATTENDED BY CYRUS VANCE, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE U S A, ZBYGNIEW BRZEZINSKI, ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS, AS WELL AS NICOLAE N. NICOLAE, ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON.

2. COMMENT: WE EXPECT A BARRAGE OF QUESTIONS ON PUNGAN-CARTER MEETING, MOSTLY FROM OUR EASTERN EUROPEAN COLLEAGUES WHO NEED LITTLE TO CONVINCE THEM THAT A CARTER-CEAUSESCU MEETING IS IN THE OFFING. WE NOTE THAT ROMANIAN MEDIA HAS DESCRIBED PUNGAN AS "CHIEF" OF THE PRESIDENTIAL COUNSELORS, A TITLE WE HAVE NEVER SEEN BEFORE.
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